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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINS, PFOR, JM
SUBJECT: GOJ CONTACT WITH FBI AND CUSTOMS IN MIAMI

REF: KINGSTON 674; KINGSTON 727

1. PER REFTELS I ACCOMPANIED SPECIAL BRANCH HEAD CURTIS GRIFFITHS TO MIAMI, FEBRUARY 20-21, WHERE WE MET WITH FBI SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE, JULIUS MATTSON, AND CUSTOMSSPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE, HERBERT FEINSTEIN. AS IT DEVELOPED GRIFFITHS WAS MISINFORMED ON FBI'S JURIDICTIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES AND WAS INFORMED BY MATTSON THAT CUSTOMS WAS HANDLING THE ARMS CASE OF CONCERN TO GOJ. GRIFFITHS DID INQUIRE WHETHER FBI COULD, ON BASIS PERSONAL REQUEST FROM SPECIAL BRANCH, PROVIDE INVESTIGATORY SERVICES OF A SENSITIVE CHARACTER. MATTSON ADVISED THAT ANY FBI SERVICE ON BEHALF GOJ MUST BE SOUGHT THROUGH OFFICIAL "GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT" CHANNELS. GRIFFITHS AND I THEN MET WITH CUSTOMS SPECIAL AGENT FEINSTEIN. IT BECAME CLEAR DURING COURSE OF THIS MEETING THAT GRIFFITHS HAD HAD SEVERAL PREVIOUS CONTACTS WITH MIAMI CUSTOMS PERSONALLY AND BY TELEPHONE. THE MOST RECENT OF THESE CONTACTS RELATED TO A SUSPECTED ARMS SMUGGLING OPERATION (BY AMERICANS LIVING IN MIAMI) TO JAMAICA THROUGH A JAMAICAN PURCHASING AGENT. EVIDENCE AVAILABLE THUS FAR
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IS LARGELY CIRCUMSTANTIAL BUT SUFFICIENT TO WARRANT

AN ON-GOING INVESTIGATION. ARRANGEMENTS WORKED OUT WITH CUSTOMS DURING MEETING PROVIDES FOR INFORMAL CONTACT BETWEEN JAMAICAN POLICE AND MIAMI CUSTOMS IN THOSE INSTANCES WHERE LEADS REQUIRE IMMEDIATE FOLLOW-UP (E.G. TRAVEL OF SUSPECT PURCHASING AGENT TO MIAMI ON SHORT NOTICE). IN ALL CASES WHERE THERE IS SUFFICIENT TIME CONTACT WILL BE MADE THROUGH NORMAL GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT CHANNELS. ADDITIONALLY (IN SEPARATE MEETING WITHOUT GRIFFITHS' PRESENCE) CUSTOMS PROMISED KEEP US INFORMED ON ALL CONTACTS VIA WASHINGTON.

2. BOTH FBI AND CUSTOMS WERE BRIEFED ON POLITICAL SENSITIVITIES INVOLVED AND PROMISED COOPERATE IN MONITORING JAMAICAN POLICE ACTIVITY IN MAIMI.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF YOU COULD FOLLOW UP WITH CUSTOMS AND FBI IN WASHINGTON TO ASSURE ABOVE ARRANGEMENTS FULLY UNDERSTOOD AND WILL STICK.
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